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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--8 FEBRUARY 1964

1. GUANTANAMO:

A. THE CURRENT POSTURE OF CUBAN FORCES NEAR THE NAVAL BASE IS ESSENTIALLY PRECAUTIONARY AND DEFENSIVE. PHOTOGRAPHY OF 6 FEBRUARY SHOWS NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THE SIZE AND DEPLOYMENT OF MILITARY FORCES IN ORIENTE PROVINCE OR AROUND GUANTANAMO ITSELF.

B. CUBAN PRESIDENT DORTICOS DENIED ON TV LAST NIGHT THAT HAVANA HAD SET UP THE FISHING BOAT INCIDENT AS THE FIRST STEP IN A CAMPAIGN AGAINST GUANTANAMO.

C. SAID DORTICOS: "THE REINCORPORATION OF THE TERRITORY OF THE BASE TO OUR COUNTRY WILL BE CLAIMED AT SUCH A TIME AS WE CONSIDER CONVENIENT AND OPPORTUNE, THROUGH INTERNATIONAL CHANNELS AND ORGANS WHICH WE CONSIDER ADEQUATE FOR SUCH A CLAIM."

2. CYPRUS:

A. SPORADIC FIGHTING BETWEEN GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS CONTINUED YESTERDAY.

B. THE GREEK CYPRIOT POLICE CHIEF IS CONCERNED THAT POLICE AND PARAMILITARY GROUPS ARE COMING UNDER THE CONTROL OF MORE RADICAL ELEMENTS. HE ALSO SAYS THAT THE BOMBING OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY WAS TRIGGERED BY REPORTS IN THE LOCAL PRESS THAT THE US DID NOT FAVOR MAJORITY RULE ON CYPRUS. THIS WAS INTERPRETED AS MEANING THAT THE US IS BACKING PARTITION.

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E. THE APPROVAL OF THE GREEK AND TURKISH GOVERNMENTS FOR THE REVISED ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS IS STILL BEING SOUGHT.

F. THERE ARE SIGNS THAT THE GREEK CYPRIOTS ARE PREPARING TO GO IMMEDIATELY TO THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL IF NEGOTIATIONS COLLAPSE.

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H. KHRUSHCHEV'S PERSONAL INTERVENTION YESTERDAY APPEARS AIMED AT STIFFENING MAKARIOS' OPPOSITION TO THE US-UK PROPOSALS AND AT PROLONGING THE IMPASSE.

3. SOMALIA-ETHIOPIA:

A. THE FIGHTING BETWEEN ETHIOPIAN SECURITY FORCES AND DISSIDENT SOMALI TRIBESMEN IN THE OGADEN REGION OF ETHIOPIA HAS REACHED THE POINT WHERE BOTH SIDES ARE COMMITTING REGULAR ARMY UNITS.

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C. APPARENTLY ETHIOPIAN GROUND FORCES STRUCK INTO SOMALIA YESTERDAY FOR THE FIRST TIME. THEIR SIZE AND MISSION ARE UNKNOWN.

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4. CHINESE RECOGNITION:

A. NATIONALIST VICE PRESIDENT CHEN CHENG TOLD AMBASSADOR WRIGHT YESTERDAY HE WAS IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH THE NEED FOR STANDING FAST IN PARIS AS LONG AS POSSIBLE.

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B. THE FRENCH, THROUGH THE PARIS PRESS, NOW SEEM TO BE LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR A DIRECT BREAK WITH THE NATIONALISTS.

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5. INDIA:

A. THE COMMUNISTS' CHANCES OF RETURNING TO POWER IN THE SOUTH INDIAN STATE OF KERALA APPEAR CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED AS A RESULT OF FACTIONALISM AND A SERIES OF SCANDALS BESETTING THE RULING CONGRESS PARTY THERE.

B. THE COMMUNISTS ARE CURRENTLY PRESSING FOR THE RESIGNATION OF THE CONGRESS DEPUTY LEADER, CHARGING HIM WITH IMMORALITY AND MISUSE OF HIS CABINET POST.

C. THEY GOVERNED THE STATE FROM 1957 TO 1959.

6. RWANDA:

A. THE RWANDESE AMBASSADOR IN LEOPOLDVILLE HAS SAID THAT HIS COUNTRY PLANS TO ASK FOR UN TROOPS TO PROTECT ITS BORDERS.

B. THE COUNTRY IS THE SCENE OF A BLOODY INTERTRIBAL FIGHT AS ABOUT 150,000 RWANDESE REFUGEES IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES ATTEMPT TO ENTER RWANDA AND RESTORE THEIR TRIBAL KING.

C. RWANDESE AUTHORITIES HAVE REACTED HARSHLY, WITH WHOLESALE KILLING OF THE INVADERS AND THEIR FELLOW TRIBESMEN IN RWANDA. AS MANY AS 10,000 TRIBESMEN MAY HAVE BEEN WIPED OUT SO FAR.

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7. NOTES:

A. SOUTH VIETNAM: GENERAL KHANH HAS ANNOUNCED THE NEW GOVERNMENT WITH HIMSELF AS PRIME MINISTER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL AND GENERAL MINH AS CHIEF OF STATE. HE TOLD AMBASSADOR LODGE THAT MINH WOULD BE "EXACTLY LIKE THE KING OF ENGLAND" AND WOULD CONTINUE HIS PUBLIC APPEARANCES AROUND THE COUNTRY.

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B. COMMUNIST CHINA - NORTH VIETNAM:

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NORTH VIETNAMESE MILITARY PERSONNEL ARE BEING TRANSFERRED TO CHINA FOR TRAINING.

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C. EAST AFRICA: DUNCAN SANDYS WILL VISIT KENYA IN EARLY MARCH TO REVIEW THE SECURITY SITUATION IN EAST AFRICA AND BRITAIN'S ROLE IN CONTINUING TO PROVIDE MILITARY TRAINING.

D. BOLIVIA: LECHIN HAS ANNOUNCED HE WILL RUN AGAINST PAZ IN THE JUNE ELECTIONS.

E. BRITISH GUIANA: SECURITY OFFICIALS IN GEORGETOWN DO NOT EXPECT ANY VIOLENCE WHEN JAGAN'S FREEDOM MARCHERS COME LIMPING IN ON MONDAY. THEY HAVE TAKEN FULL PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES JUST IN CASE.

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F. COLOMBIA: COMMUNIST-INSTIGATED TERRORISM IN THE CITIES, A MAJOR PROBLEM FOR THE NATIONAL FRONT GOVERNMENT IN 1963, IS LIKELY TO PICK UP IN THE PERIOD BEFORE THE CONGRESSIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR 15 MARCH. THE SECURITY FORCES ARE CURRENTLY CONCENTRATING ON BANDITRY IN THE RURAL AREAS AND WILL BE SPREAD PRETTY THIN IF THE TERRORISTS STRIKE AGAIN IN THE CITIES.

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[REDACTED] CARNIVAL WEEKEND HAS BEGUN, AND THERE IS A GOOD POSSIBILITY THAT AGITATORS MAY BE ABLE TO STIR UP SOME MORE ANTI-AMERICAN VIOLENCE AMONG THE WOULD BE REVELERS WHOSE TRADITIONAL CARNIVAL EVENTS HAVE BEEN BANNED BY THE CHIARI GOVERNMENT.

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